

## New Leader Fakes Yugoslav Story in Anti-Soviet Smear

The *New Leader*, clip-sheet of the Social-Democratic Federation, pulls a fast one in this week's issue. It charges that the *Daily Worker* had prior knowledge of the formation of the Yugoslav Provisional Government announced to the world last Sunday.

The fast one boomerangs on the Washington columnist of the *New Leader*, whose anti-Communist fixation is equal to his ignorance of Yugoslav affairs.

And if ignorance was not the cause of the *New Leader's* laughable and pathetic error, then we must conclude that this gutter paper is so feverishly bent on discrediting the Yugoslav Provisional Government that it is willing to base a story on a complete falsehood. On the theory that it takes time before the truth catches up with a lie.

Here's the tale:

As our first engraving shows, the *New Leader* discovered that The *Worker's* national edition, dated Dec. 5, which went to press the previous Thursday, carried a story which contains the phrase "democratic national assembly under the presidency of Dr. Ivan Ribar."

By a rather remarkable coincidence, the pre-date national edition of the *Sunday Worker* as received in Washington on Sunday morning, Dec. 7, contained a two-column spread on Page 2, announcing that "the democratic people have formed their own democratic national assembly under the presidency of Dr. Ivan Ribar."

The catch in this announcement under the pre-date edition of the *Sunday Worker* went to press on the Thursday before. Thus, the Communist propaganda machine in America knew what was going to happen in Yugoslavia before it happened, and went to press with it more than two days before Dunderheads now say, if they wish, go on no longer functioning, that the world-wide coordination of Communist strategy directed from Moscow no longer exists.

Believing that this evidence has caused great excitement in various diplomatic embassies and is arousing deep perturbation in the State Department.

As the *New Leader* does not say, this was a routine press release sent out by a committee of Yugoslav Americans to advertise a meeting in Chicago on Sunday, Dec. 5. Our second engraving carries that release.

But the reference to the "democratic national assembly" refers not to the new Provisional Government, but to the assembly formed in Bihaac, Bosnia, a year ago—on Nov. 27 and 28, 1942. Like many other papers the *Daily Worker* carried that news a year ago, as the accompanying engraving shows.

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## ZNAMENKA CAPTURED

## Vote-Steal Arouses Labor

### ALP to Canvass 'Star' Homes for Soldier Vote

In an intensified drive for action for adoption of the Worley-Lucas-Green Soldiers Vote Bill, all 21 American Labor Party district clubs in Manhattan will canvass homes displaying service flags, beginning Monday. Families of servicemen will be asked to join the campaign to get their boys the vote.

Fifty thousand postcards calling on Congress to adopt the bill will be distributed among the soldier families. ALP canvassers will leave at the homes leaflet stressing the three most important win-the-war issues now before Congress: the soldier's vote, the anti-poll tax bill and subsidies.

### Frankenstein Blasts Auto Union Disrupters

(Special to the *Daily Worker*)

DETROIT, Dec. 10.—Sharply denouncing a Trotskyite-Socialist element headed by Emil Mazey and Paul Silvers who formed a group here to sabotage labor's united political action under the guise of a "third party," vice-president Richard T. Frankenstein of the United Automobile Workers predicted that those "peanut disrupters" will fail.

Mr. Frankenstein, legislative director of the UAW, issued his statement from the union's general headquarters here.

His statement follows:

He declared that "the formation of a third party to participate in the 1944 elections has been firmly rejected by recent conventions of the UAW and the CIO. This action was taken because both conventions knew that to form a third party now would be to split the people's vote and to hand the country on a platter over to the most vicious enemies of labor and the war effort."

"There are few workers or citizens," Frankenstein continued, "who do not understand how right labor has been in refusing to allow itself to be broken with its friends to insure the victory of NAM Republicans and poll tax Democrats in next year's elections. Because this is true, I can predict a short and unhappy life for the third party movement announced last Sunday by a group within the UAW in open defiance of the policies of Phil Murray, R. J. Thomas, Hillman, August Scholle and all other responsible leaders of labor."

"This faction of a caucus within a caucus was soundly defeated in our Buffalo Convention on every basic principle which they sought to put over. An overwhelming majority of the convention repudiated their attempt to discard labor's no-strike pledge. Their attacks upon President Roosevelt and his war policies were booted off the floor by delegates belonging to all groups in the UAW."

"Their blasts against the nation's war effort and its war aims were recognized as something very close to sedition."

"Disruption by Emil Mazey or Paul Silver will not be allowed to succeed."

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### Willkie Favors Poll Tax Repeal

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Wendell Willkie today placed himself on record as favoring poll tax repeal.

The National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax made public a message which Willkie sent to the recent anti-poll tax conference attended by 160 delegates from 20 states.

"Efforts to deny improperly to any citizen his constitutional right to vote whether by poll tax or by discriminatory white primary must be resisted and opposed by every American," Willkie said.

"Any measure which deprives any group of citizens in our country from exercising the inherent rights as set forth in the Constitution is inimical to the interests of all citizens."

Katherine Shryver, executive secretary of the National Committee, emphasized that the conference marked the beginning of a new drive to pass a real soldier's vote bill as well as to abolish the poll tax.

### NAM Asks Free Hand For Sky-High Profits

By Mac Gordon

The bid for post-war leadership over the nation that has characterized the second war congress of the National Association of Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria key-noted also its third and last day yesterday.

The speeches of Alfred P. Sloan of General Motors, John W. Anderson of the Anderson Company; J. Cheever Cowdin of Universal Pictures, and the program adopted for 1944, also featured the demand of the NAM that free, private, competitive enterprise be "restored" after the war.

Specifically, this demand was translated into an insistence upon these three things:

1. A tax structure which would drastically reduce profits and income rates so as to "free" capital

for expansion of production;

2. An end to government "competition" with industry;

3. A national labor policy which will end the "favoring" of labor.

**GOUGING WAGE EARNER**

This is NAM language. Less formally put, these mean a tax program that will place the burden for paying off war debts on the people; an end to government social security plans, to public works and public housing and to relief; and the scrapping of the Wagner Labor Relations Act, wages and hours laws, etc.

The sessions yesterday, like those of the previous two days, were marked by complete evasion of all problems connected with the war effort itself. Speeches and pro-

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### R. J. Thomas, Rail Unionists Fight For Soldier Vote

Exposure of the conspiracy by home-front wreckers to deprive 10,000,000 soldiers of a right to cast ballots, served like a charge of dynamite to arouse a wave of protest and anger from the ranks of labor.

Particularly noteworthy is the statement issued jointly by President R. J. Thomas and Vice-President Richard T. Frankenstein of the United Automobile Workers, a union with nearly 300,000 members in the armed services.

The dark prospect that the men on the fighting fronts may be the very ones to suffer the loss of the ballot for their efforts, pointed with mockery at the many thousands of honor roll tablets hanging in union halls throughout the country.

**MILLION UNIONISTS IN SERVICE**

The CIO and AFL each count more than a million members in the armed services and the number grows daily.

Thomas and Frankenstein declared that Senate scuttling of the Green-Lucas soldier vote bill "is part of a conspiracy to keep the 1944 elections safe for reaction."

"Twelve million men in the armed forces will not be able to vote in 1944 under present arrangements," they said. "Thus we have the spectacle of our finest men making every sacrifice to win a war for the survival of democracy, while the Senate prevents them from exercising their basic democratic right—the right to vote."

The statement charged that the poll-tax Senators joined with the Republican Party leaders to kill the soldier vote and received in return "a promise from the Republicans to kill the anti-poll tax bill now pending in the Senate, which would have permitted about 10,000,000 people now disfranchised to vote in the 44 elections."

"When the men and women in the armed forces and their families at home realize the effect of this frame-up the guilty Senators will suffer a well-deserved political defeat."

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### Chinese Rush On From Changteh

CHUNGKING, Dec. 10 (UP).—Chinese forces pursuing the beaten Japanese north of Changteh have advanced 13 miles in the past 24 hours, killing "several hundred" enemy stragglers in the outskirts of the reconquered city and capturing many others, a Chinese communique announced tonight.

Other Chinese units were declared to have made "considerable progress" in a drive on Anhshiang, Japanese-held stronghold on the northwest shore of Lake Tungting.

### Allies Crack Nazi Mountain Defenses

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Dec. 10 (UP).—American and British troops of Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's 5th Army have smashed the German mountain defenses on both sides of the Rome road, winning control of the key town of Mignano whose fall was expected hourly tonight.

The Americans, using bazookas, rocket guns to blast German pillboxes, captured 3,000-foot Mt. San Nuccio in a battle above the clouds yesterday to reach dominating positions roughly seven miles from the important Cassino road junction and five northwest of Mignano.

The British swept forward as much as two miles at some points to clear Germans from the entire east bank of the Garigliano river south of the town of Rocca D'Evan-dro which they took after clearing the Nazis from the rest of Mt. Camino, a mile and one-half to the east.

On the Adriatic Front, Canadian troops of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's 8th Army, supported by tanks and warplanes, hammered out new positions along an eight-mile front north of the Moro River and tonight were reported advancing on the port of Pescara, 12 miles away.

Signs were mounting that the Germans, facing the full fury of increasing Allied land and air assaults along the entire front, might be preparing to abandon their tattered lines. Official reports told of the Nazis putting the torch to villages on the central sector, the usual sign of a German withdrawal.

The Americans captured Mt. San Nuccio after bitter hand-to-hand fighting that gave them new dominating positions above the road overlooking the German-held villages of San Pietro to the southeast and San Vittore to the southwest.

A front dispatch from United Press correspondent Reynolds Fackard said the peak, which commands the Rome road, was subjected to an American artillery barrage delivered at the rate of several hundred shells every five minutes before the final infantry assault began.

### Toscanini to Play For Allied Troops

CAIRO, Dec. 10 (UP).—Arturo Toscanini is expected to come to Egypt in January to conduct the Palestine orchestra in an Anglo-American music festival for Allied troops in the Middle East, it was reported today.

Sir Adrian C. Boult, BBC orchestra conductor, is also expected to participate.

### Roosevelt Signs Draft Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt has signed the Father Draft Bill stripping War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt of all power over selective service and vesting it in Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey.

Originally the chief aim of the measure was to delay the drafting of Pre-Pearl Harbor fathers. As enacted it contains a clause stipulating that they may not be inducted until all eligible non-fathers have been taken on a national basis. But selective service spokesmen said the provision would have virtually no effect inasmuch as that policy already is followed as closely as possible and the meeting of draft quotas has compelled the drafting of many pre-war fathers since Oct. 1.

The law wipes out the present list of non-deferred occupations set up by the War Manpower Commission as a means of channeling labor into essential fields. Under existing regulations, persons in non-essential activities must switch to essential jobs or face induction.

It also creates a five-man medical board to re-examine military physical standards in hope of lowering them to permit use of large numbers of 4-F's in service. And it requires review of occupational deferments by Appeals Boards in the locality where a registrant works, rather than where he may have registered originally.

### Khiovka Fall Cuts Escape Lines in Bend

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Soviet forces have captured Znamenska and its neighboring junction of Khiovka, effectively cutting all German escape routes from the northern Dnieper Bend, Moscow announced tonight.

Premier - Marshal Joseph Stalin announced in an Order of the Day that Gen. Ivan S. Konev's Second Ukrainian Army had stormed into Znamenska, king-pin of the Dnieper Ben communications system, yesterday.

A few hours later, the Soviet command's operational communique reported that Khiovka, eight miles northwest of Znamenska, commanding a trunk line to the industrial center and Nazi operational base of Kirovograd, 21 miles southwest of Znamenska, had fallen to the Red Army today.

**NAZI LINE IN PERIL**

Thus, in one masterful stroke, Konev's army had torn the heart out of the vital Dniepropetrovsk-Zhitomir communications system in a swift maneuver that presaged the collapse of the German lifelines on the entire front from Kremenchug southward to Nikopol and Nikolae.

However, Moscow's communique tacitly admitted a new retreat in the western tip of the Kiev bulge, noting that German counter-attacks had been repulsed in the area south of Malin, with heavy losses to the enemy in men and materials.

Malin, on the Kiev-Warsaw railroad, is 32 miles northeast of Chernyakhov, in the neighborhood of which previous Soviet communications had reported fighting, and 26 miles southeast of Korosten. It is 58 miles northwest of Kiev and the Dnieper and the Soviet admission of fighting in that area indicated that the Germans had gained some 21 miles toward the Ukraine capital.

Stalin, ordering a state salute of 12 salutes from 124 guns in Moscow, disclosed that Znamenska, 41 miles southwest of Kremenchug, had been taken yesterday after three days of intense fighting.

In firm control of Znamenska and its neighboring junction of Khiovka to the north, the Soviets were beginning to swing their offensive against Kirovograd, a major defense center. Moscow reports said Konev's forces, having captured the town of Mitrofanovka, were only 18 miles from Kirovograd.

(BBC, heard in New York by CBS, said advanced Soviet forces were within 15 miles of Kirovograd.)

Military experts were impressed by the fact that the Soviets apparently were unconcerned about the progress of the German counter-offensive in the Kiev bulge and had followed their custom of shifting the weight of their offensive—this time to the south, where German reinforcements were rushed in to block the Soviet drive west of Kiev.

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Yugoslav Partisans have broken through to the Adriatic coast and occupied the town of Biograd, 20 miles southeast of Zara, radio "Free Yugoslavia" reported today.

Radio Berlin claimed, however, that dive-bombers and reconnaissance planes were being used by the Germans against the Partisans in an effort to clean them out quickly.

### FDR in Malta, Gives Scroll to Its People

VALLETTA, Malta, Dec. 10 (UP).—President Roosevelt, in a brief visit to this "most bombed" island Wednesday, said that he and Prime Minister Winston Churchill felt that "we two have struck strong blows for the future of the human race" as the result of three weeks of conferences.

Presenting a Presidential citation scroll to the people of this British bastion which saved the Mediterranean for the Allies, the President said that at the Casablanca Conference last Jan. 26 he told Churchill that "some day we would once more control the Mediterranean and then I would visit Malta."

"For many months I have wanted in behalf of the American people to pay some little tribute to Malta," Commander-in-Chief Lord Gort thanked the President and said he intended to reproduce the citation on a bronze plaque to be fixed in the palace square where it would be a permanent monument to a great and unique occasion.

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## Yugoslavs to Mark Unity Here

(Special to the *Worker*)

CHICAGO.—Yugoslav Ambassador Konstantin Fotich has been declared persona non grata here.

Contrary, the Yugoslav people have formed their own democratic national assembly under the presidency of Dr. Ivan Ribar.

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

MOSCOW, Dec. 8.—The first nationwide Constituent Assembly of the People's Liberation Movement in Yugoslavia held a two-day session in the old Bosnian town of Bihaac, newly liberated by the guerrilla armies, on Nov. 26th and 27th, according to the secret radio "Free Yugoslavia."

An executive committee was chosen, headed by the Independent Democrat and prominent Yugoslav leader, Ivan Rybar, to deal with "all problems of public life."

We had no advance knowledge of the formation of the Provisional Government—quite different from an assembly. Our city edition of Dec. 5, published Saturday night, Dec. 4, carried the United Press dispatch which all other papers published reporting the Free Yugoslavia's radio as announcing the new government.

Of course, Dr. Ribar, the head of the Bihaac assembly, is also the head of the new government. But the press release from the Chicago committee, which we did not write but simply edited for space, and published to advertise a meeting, said nothing about a new government. It simply referred to the same assembly which the whole world knows existed for an entire year.

## Yugoslavs Establish New Provisional National Gov't

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Radio Saden of the Yugoslav Partisan forces today announced that a Provisional National Government had been formed with Ivan Ribar as President and Broz (Tito) as

Reporting on the military situation, the Partisan communique disclosed that Albanian and Macedonian units had been forced to abandon Debar, in Southwestern Yugoslavia, 40 miles northwest of

If the Washington columnist of the *New Leader* did not know of the assembly, then he is ignorant of Yugoslav affairs, and should not have discussed them.

If he knew the distinction between the assembly and the government, then he was deliberately inventing a tale in which the now-dissolved Comintern is supposed to have had advance notice of the new government and got it to us on the Thursday before it happened, and then we, of course, carelessly published it. . . . et cetera.

The fact that all this involves a body of citizens in Chicago, before whom Congressman Adolph Sabath and other luminaries spoke does not interest the *New Leader*. Anything to throw some mud at the Yugoslav people and the Soviet Union. Especially if the mud can also spatter the *Daily Worker*.

But in this case, things turn out otherwise, which proves that people who play with anti-Communist mud-pies often get it in the eye.



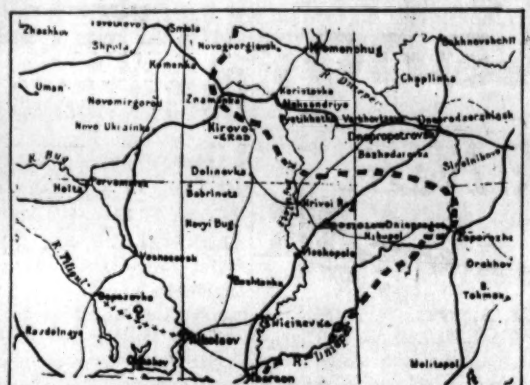
## Znamenka Falls

By a Veteran Commander

THE victorious armies of General Konev (Second Ukrainian Army Group, or Front) have captured the key railroad junction of Znamenka after encircling it. Now, we have always disapproved of the cheap sensationalism of some newspapers which abuse such words as "key," "vital," "crucial," etc., but in this case we call Znamenka a key junction because it really is one, as a glance at the appended map will immediately disclose.

### On the War Fronts

All the railroads in the basin of the lower Dnieper and the Ingulez, i.e., in the pentagon Dolinovka - Nikolaev - Kherson - Nikopol - Krivoriog are linked with the railroads to the west, in the basin of the Bug, by means of the junction of Znamenka. True, there are rumors that the Germans have built a temporary railroad between Nikolaev and Beresovka on the Tiligul River (line of crosses on map), but this is only a rumor. In any case such a railroad can provide only a very unsatisfactory escape route for the great network to the east with the enormous stores the Germans have accumulated at the junctions of Dolinovka, Krivoriog, Apostolovo, Snighrevka, Kherson, Nikolaev and at Nikopol.



The bag as far as material is concerned will doubtless be very great, even if German troops manage to escape from the Bend. Thus the capture of Znamenka by the masterly maneuver of General Konev is a very important victory, comparable to the capture of Zaporozh'e on Oct. 10.

Frankly, we expected the Germans to resist longer at Znamenka.

ANOTHER of our naval task forces has bombarded the Japanese base at Nauru. Nauru sits in the middle of the sea lane (600 miles) between our new positions in the Gilberts and Guadalcanal and its conquest would fill the gap in our new offensive line. It is either the turn now of Nauru or of Jalut to feel the impact of our amphibious attack.

This offensive of ours in the central Pacific really means business.

The Chinese have retaken Changteh which is a resounding victory for them. It appears that the Chinese garrison had moved out on Dec. 3, after a two-week battle, but only after the Japanese in Changteh had been already encircled by another and larger Chinese force. Thus the garrison which "surrendered" Changteh simply maneuvered to join the "besiegers of the besiegers." This was a situation which it was impossible to evaluate from here because there were no details published.

GENERAL CLARK has seized the mountain massif towering above the Garigliano and should now be ready to cross that river in order to advance up the Liri toward San Giorgio, on the way to Rome. The weather is reported to be clearing.

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gram, while sometimes making a complimentary reference to the need for continued war production, were devoted entirely to the problems of "reconversion." The leaders of the NAM chose to disregard the warnings of WFB vice-chairman Charles E. Wilson and Army and Navy Ordnance chiefs, delivered to them on Wednesday, that there is still a long, hard war ahead which will require our attention and energies.

They chose to disregard, too, Wilson's warning that there is a "right wing reaction" in the country that threatens our democracy, and his denunciation of those who are trying to "position" themselves in the post-war world at the expense of the men doing the fighting and of the nation itself.

A new note in the final day's sessions was struck by Cowdin, who heads the NAM Committee on Government Finance, when he demanded that business organize itself and its stockholders politically to meet the challenge of organized labor. Businessmen and their eleven million stockholders, he said, "are a potential force as large and as great as organized labor."

The program for 1944, a year in which America's hardest fighting is expected to occur, stresses the demand for "restoration" of "free, private, competitive enterprise."

Following the pious statement of the need for cooperation of all groups and classes in the post-war world expressed in plank 1, plank 2 demands rejection of "bureaucratic, planned and controlled economy"; plank 3 insists that the "road must be cleared for venture capital"; plank 4 urges that "those who contribute to production must not be deprived of their rewards by taxes that destroy incentive"; and plank 5 demands the "restoration" of "constitutional government."

The last plank urges effective international collaboration to bring about and maintain world peace. It is the sole expression in the document regarding any of the vital immediate questions that face the nation and the world.

The keenest speech of the congress which set forth its policy was made last night by Alfred P. Sloan.

Through this speech, like the others, made no direct reference to the national political scene, it expressed confidence in a change in government national economic policies in the direction demanded by the NAM.

He advised "faith that the economic panaceas of the last decade will have died with the war. This change is certain to reflect

## Negro Group Asks Pardon For Schappes

The National Negro Congress yesterday urged Governor Thomas E. Dewey to grant an immediate pardon to Morris Schappes, loyal teacher and anti-fascist fighter, sentenced to serve a two-year prison term on charges of "perjury" growing out of the witch-hunt trials of the Rapp-Coudert Committee more than two years ago.

In requesting the Governor to pardon Schappes, Edward E. Strong, executive secretary of the National Negro Congress, called attention to the "inconsistency of Schappes' imprisonment today in the midst of an all-out struggle against fascism," and called upon Negro people to rally to the defense of Schappes.

Mr. Strong indicated his belief that Schappes had been unjustly convicted on the charge of "perjury" because the Rapp-Coudert Committee failed miserably in trying to convict the great anti-fascist fighter for un-American activities.

"Morris Schappes has been one of the staunchest supporters of the Negro people and all minority groups," Mr. Strong stated.

# Polish-American Rally Assails Emigre Government

## 1,500 at Detroit Rally Hail Soviet Tie, Tehran Talks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, Dec. 10. — Patriotic Polish Americans gave a ringing answer to the activities of the pro-fascist elements here as the biggest crowd that has ever jammed the Polish Hall in Detroit declared itself enthusiastically for the Tehran Declaration, the policies of President Roosevelt and paid homage to the fighting Kosciuszko Division in the Soviet Union.

The rally, held on December 5, under the sponsorship of the Polish-American Section of the International Workers Order, the Kosciuszko League and the American-Polish Trade Union Committee, heard the militant anti-fascist Reverend S. Orlemanski as its main speaker.

### PACKED MEETING

According to the Detroit News, 3,000 sought to attend this meeting. "The Dom Polski Hall with a capacity of about 700, held twice that number. Hundreds stood in the aisles, in the ante-chambers, on the stairways and behind the scenery. Hundreds were turned away. The enthusiastic audience raised \$918.48 to fight fascism abroad and at home," wrote the News reporter.

State Senator Stanley Nowak exposed the fake issue of borders as only an effort to conceal desires for a reactionary Poland subjected to the brand of fascism as it is preached by the KNAPP (the National Committee of Americans of Polish Descent) and elements akin to it.

Shouts of "We will not be intimidated" greeted Nowak's statement that "people imbued with fascist ideology would frighten with hanging, threaten with clubs and the deprivation of jobs, those who express their democratic American views. But they forget that America is not an estate of Beck or Ford factory before it was unveiled."

Several of the speakers told of the threats they had received. Judge Patrick O'Brien said that he had received telephone threats against speaking at the rally.

"I will not be discouraged from speaking by any hoodlums or fascists," he continued.

He urged the closest cooperation with our President, asserting that Poland had nothing to fear from the Soviet Union.

### FIRST LAYS PRO-FASCISTS

The meeting was climaxed with the speech of Rev. Orlemanski of Springfield, Mass. The 1,500 people jammed into the hall rose to a man as the Roman Catholic Reverend began his fighting speech.

He denounced the emigres who are making America their area of fascist operations. "They have organized the treacherous KNAPP and today they want to impose their views upon us by force, views which oppose the policies of our government and our Constitution."

"What is worse, they are sowing disloyalty among our citizens. This vile activity is doing us irreparable harm the effects of which we will feel in the future," Rev. Orlemanski continued.

The Polish government-in-exile took a verbal shelling as he exposed its machinations. He hailed the Moscow Declaration and the Tehran document as the precursors of doom for Hitlerism and the liberation of Poland.

As soon as a stable balance is reached, however, he urged that price control be lifted.

He took City Hall reporters on a personally conducted tour of the vast, new Idlewild development, which has been under the fire of real estate interests, "to call" as he put it, "another wild story in the Post."

"It will be the greatest airport in the world for ten years if we are not delayed now," said the Mayor as he surveyed the 3,268 acre stretch of land where 6,500 horsepower hydraulic pumps are doing the preliminary work of filling in the field.

Jay Downer, consulting engineer, estimated construction of the administration building, drainage, land fill operations, grading and other construction will cost some \$20,000,000. Hangar and workshop construction, with some forty to be built, are estimated to cost \$30,000,000.

"But," said the Mayor, "hangars will be built as we get leases signed by the aviation companies. They will cost \$2,500,000 apiece and will be self-liquidating. Therefore, to give any round figure would be misleading. This is not the Welfare Department."

The matter of construction of the airport will come before the City Council Committee on Finance Thursday afternoon. Real estate interests have stated they will oppose it at that time, asking the Council to cut from the capital budget \$12,000,000 appropriated for airport work. The Post has joined the real estate sharks in opposing the project.

The field, which will be three miles long and a mile-and-a-half wide, will, according to the Mayor, be the forerunner of world-wide post-war aviation expansion.

"It will change municipal airports all over the world," he said. "We've got to have money in the budget so if the war stops we will get started with the runways and the buildings."

Plans for the airport call for 15 miles of runways 200 feet wide, plus

## Soviet Press Calls Pole Gov't Ruinous

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (ICN).—One question sharply faces every Pole today, says Academician A. Tarle in the 12th issue of War and the Working Class. That question is: "With the Germans or with the Soviet Union."

Astonishing and absurd as this situation is, he says, the Polish government-in-exile—composed of men "ten minutes short of quittings"—has forced it on the Polish people. When the Mykolajczak government was formed, and the arrogant fascist, General Sosnkowski, was appointed commander-in-chief of the Polish army, this clique was "hailed by the whole Hitlerite press," he said. These men began an era "of systematic murder of Polish guerrillas by a Polish hand, with the direct, frank, official encouragement and incitement on the part of Sosnkowski and his agents."

The Soviet Union, he points out, is fighting against the "executioners of Poland," but the Polish government newspaper Wladomosci Codzienny, has the effrontery to say that unless the Red Army renounces the Soviet claim to the so-called "eastern districts," the Polish underground will fight the Red Army just the same as it fights the German aggressors.

TWO "UNDERGROUNDS" Of course, the "Polish underground" referred to here is not the heroic People's Guard that is fighting the Germans, sabotaging and disrupting their industry and their communications, mobilizing the Polish people for freedom. Their "underground" is a miserable minority of small gangs of spies and assassins who follow the orders of Sosnkowski.

At the same time, Tarle says, "a campaign of slander of the most monstrous and absurdly incredible accusations has been launched against the Soviet Union."

This open and shameless propaganda gives the British and the American press the right to ask General Sosnkowski point-blank: "What order will you issue through your broadcasting station 'Swit' to your gangs in the inevitable moment when the Soviet Army, pursuing the retreating Germans, will enter Poland?"

"To go with Hitler is to share the fate of Hitler Germany," Tarle warns. The only way open for the Poles is that taken by the men of the Kosciuszko Division and of the People's Guard, who are staunchly waging relentless war on the Germans and cooperating as friends and comrades with the Red Army and the Soviet people.

### AXIS PUPPETS FEAR—AND WAIT

"The Collapse of the Fascist Bloc," discussing the fate in store for the Axis satellites which persist in collaborating with Germany, is the theme of the leading editorial of No. 13 of War and the Working Class.

"Hitler's robber companions seized and plundered foreign lands, above all the land of the Soviet people, and they have branded themselves by taking a hand in the bloody crimes of the Hitlerite robbers," the editorial declared. That is why they are now filled with alarm and fear.

That is why Premier Nicolas de Kallay of Hungary talks about Hungary's original "neutrality," and that is why the Mannerheim-Ryti-Social Democratic rulers of Finland have so much to say now about their "separate" war.

"That is how matters stand in



EUGENE TARLE

words. In practice, however, Hitler's accomplices, such as Rumania, Hungary and Finland, stand with Germany and give her military and every other kind of assistance."

Analyzing the Hitler bloc from the point of view of its service to Hitler, War and the Working Class shows that he needs his vassals and will hang on to them as long as he can. Hitler is "short of cannon fodder," and is in "dire need of the fifty divisions from the vassal countries which are fighting together with the German troops this year on the Soviet-German front."

Besides needing cannon fodder, Hitler needs slave labor; he needs strategic bases in the vassal countries, and he needs the supplies of food and raw materials that he can strip from each one.

### VAIN HOPES

When Italy broke away from the Axis, Hitler was alarmed, and his ferocious treatment of the Italians in the still-occupied part of the country was intended to frighten the other satellites from following Italy's example.

The extra special propaganda gotten out in each of the satellite countries—like the fawning of the Finnish Prime Minister Edwin Linkomies toward the United States government, and his hypocritical assurance, "We have only one enemy, the Soviet Union"—was all spun out of Goebbels' propaganda machine.

War and the Working Class notes that the words and actions of the satellite leaders and press indicate that "the ruling cliques of Germany's satellite countries have not completely given up hope of getting certain circles in America and Britain" to intercede for them.

However, this is a vain hope, the magazine says.

The longer these vassal countries help Hitler, the more harm they do themselves.

The longer they fight against the Soviet Union, the more will Soviet hatred turn against them as well as against Germany itself.

## Minister Out in Bulgarian Crisis

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

At a "stormy" session of the Bulgarian Sobranje (Parliament), called to consider the possibility that Turkey would give help to the Allies, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Georgi Shishmanov was forced to resign, according to Stockholm dispatches reported in yesterday's papers.

In the course of the debate, Nicholas Mushanov, Democratic Party head and leader of the parliamentary opposition, declared:

"If the government is unable to prevent the Germans from using Bulgaria as a military base, which inevitably will result in Bulgaria's becoming a battlefield, it must be replaced by a government which is better able to look after the country's interests."

Emergency meetings of the Cabinet, the Regency Council and the Defense Council were also held, coincident with the parliamentary meeting. The Bulgarian premier, Dobri Bojilov, took over the foreign office portfolio which Shishmanov resigned.

News of the Anglo-American-Turkish conference at Cairo caused public demonstrations throughout Sofia, capital of Bulgaria, according to reports from Budapest. Placards bore the demand: "Bulgaria must withdraw from the war."

## Ask RFC Aid for Small Farmers

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—A \$1,000,000,000 RFC for low-income farmers was proposed today by the National Farmers Union to the Cooper Committee of the House which is drafting new legislation for the Farm Security Administration.

Russell Smith, legislative representative of the Farmers Union, said that this new agency to be established in the Department of Agriculture should be "specially equipped to get farm boys returning from the war settled on adequate family farms."

Other proposals by the Farmers Union included formation of a stock-pile of distressed farmers to be made available to veterans, preference for veterans and family farmers in sale of farmland acquired by the government for war purposes, and a revolving fund to promote the welfare of family-type farmers.

## Browder to Address Italy Rally Dec. 19

Among the prominent speakers at the Cooper Union Italian Sympathy meeting on Dec. 19, will be Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, L'Unita Del Popolo, progressive Italian-American weekly and sponsors of the meeting announced today.

On Dec. 18, 1960, in the very same Cooper Union Hall 3,000 Americans drafted a resolution in support of Garibaldi's "Red Shirt" Legions and their battle for a unified and independent Italy.

In the tradition of the historic meeting of 1960, the Cooper Union meeting on Dec. 19, will be Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist Party, L'Unita Del Popolo, progressive Italian-American weekly and sponsors of the meeting announced today.

Other speakers will include Giuseppe Berti, editor of L'Unita Del Popolo, Professor Ambrogio Donini, former professor at the University of Rome and foreign editor of L'Unita, and representative of the French, Yugoslav and Greek groups in America.

Tickets for this unusual meeting are on sale at the offices of L'Unita Del Popolo, 799 Broadway, New York City.

## Paraguay Holds CTAL Leader Incommunicado

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10 (ALN).—Cirilo Aguayo, Paraguayan labor leader and one of the founders of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), has been held incommunicado for three months in a military prison in Asuncion, capital of Paraguay. It was learned here this week at CTAL headquarters.

With Aguayo is Augusto Canete, one of the leaders of the outlawed Confederation of Paraguayan Workers (CTP). Another Paraguayan labor leader whose whereabouts had been discovered after he had been missing for eight months is Cesar Delmas, former CTP organizer. Delmas is confined in a concentration camp in the Gran Chaco, desolate northern section of Paraguay.

It was also learned that 75 additional Paraguayan labor leaders are still alive in the concentration camps of the "4th of July," Ingavi, Isla de Poi and Pena Hermosa.

## U.S.-Hungarian Labor Body Maps War Role

The task set for the newly formed National Council of Hungarian-American Trade Unionists by its honorary president, Julius Emspak, is the "complete mobilization for democratic action in regard to anti-labor reaction, the winning of the war, and the winning of the peace."

Mr. Emspak, general secretary-treasurer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, CIO, and member of President Roosevelt's Trade Union Advisory Council, was elected honorary president of the National Council of Hungarian-American Trade Unionists at its first meeting last week. James Lustig, district organizer of the UERMWA, was chosen president.

First acts of the Council, which is affiliated to the Hungarian-American Council for Democracy headed by Bela Lugosi, were to send a message to the working people and the guerrilla forces of Hungary, urging them to undermine the Hitler-Horthy regime, and a message to the four leaders of the United Nations, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Premier Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, hailing the Moscow-Cairo-Tehran decisions.

Officers and active members of Hungarian descent belonging to some 40 AFL, CIO and independent unions were the organizers of the new trade union win-the-war organization.



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## USSR, Canada Elevate Legations to Embassies

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—Radio Moscow said today the Soviet Union and Canada had agreed to elevate their respective legations to the rank of Embassies.







## Union Lookout

The New York Women's Trade Union League will hold a benefit Dec. 28. The play is Maxwell Anderson's "Storm Operation." . . . The New York Workers School is conducting a two-week morning school given over entirely to trade union problems. Teachers will include William Z. Foster, Roy Hudson, Gil Green, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Rose Wirtis, George Siskind and others to be announced. The school, which begins Jan. 10, is open only to active trade unionists. Registration is now open. Local unions would do well to recommend students.

Men and women all over the globe took off their hats and cheered when they heard the results of the Big Three meeting at Tehran. William Ward, president of Typographical Union No. 6 (Big Six), one of many labor leaders asked for a comment, hued to the craft line. Said he: "The matter isn't typographical. It doesn't affect the typographical union." . . . All 30 members of the Joint Board of the CIO State, County and Municipal Workers gave blood to the Red Cross Tuesday in commemoration of Pearl Harbor Day. All this week, the union membership was following the leaders in depositing to the Blood Bank. More than a hundred contributed. . . . Welfare Local 1 of the same union took over Robeson's Othello Wednesday night for a benefit.

Michael J. Obermeier, president, and other officers of Hotel and Club Employees Local 6, have written AFL President Green pressing for AFL participation in the world labor parley which will be held in London June 5. "For the American Federation of Labor to refuse to join in this conference would be a positive action of tremendous reactionary import," they wrote. . . . In San Francisco, CIO United Office and Professional Workers have opened a "Subsidy Booth," staffed by women members, to turn the heat on Congress. Union stenographers take dictation from passersby. Result: thousands of letters to Congress demanding subsidies.

## Rank and File Of Local 22 to Meet on Poll

A meeting to launch the Rank and File Committee's pre-convention election campaign in Local 22, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, will be held next Thursday, 6:00 P. M. at Capitol Hotel, a provisional committee announced yesterday.

The Committee headed by Isadore Weissberg, chairman and Fannie Golos, secretary, declared in its invitation to the members of the local, that recent war developments and the pending negotiations for new agreements, place special importance upon the union's elections.

The meeting will formally set up a body in accordance with ILGWU constitutional procedure in regards to such groups.

## 'Pearl Harbor' Tokio Minister Dies

Kaname Wakasugi, 60, Japanese minister to Washington at the start of the Pacific war, died early Friday from inflammation of the gall bladder, according to a Domei News Agency broadcast recorded by U. S. Government monitors.

Wakasugi, Domei said, played an "active role" in the Washington negotiations of "peace envoy" Saburo Kurusu that preceded the sneak Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

# Ask Painters to Back Labor Parley

## Sniper Will Snipe No More



This Japanese sniper found his death trying to kill American soldiers from a wrecked Yank barge, one of the many similar craft that ran aground as the Yanks stormed Tarawa. Japanese snipers moved in at night and used the shattered barge as a position to fire on the Marines. But the end came.

## District Council Sends Appeal to All Locals

Painters District Council 9, which represents approximately 15,000 New York AFL painters, has adopted a resolution halting the forthcoming world labor congress in Britain and calling upon the AFL and the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators to participate.

The conference, scheduled for June 5 in London, "will give concrete and practical expression to the desire of American workers to cooperate with the workers of Soviet Russia, Great Britain and the other United Nations in order to speed the winning of the war and to express labor's point of view in respect to the post-war settlements for peace," a resolution adopted by delegates from all Council affiliates, declares.

The resolution is being sent to the Painters Union International and to all its local affiliates on a national scale.

At the same meeting where this action was taken, Louis Weinstein, secretary-treasurer, reported on the Congress of American-Soviet Friendship to which the Council had sent four delegates.

Weinstein contrasted the speech for Soviet friendship that AFL President William Green made at the Congress's closing rally with the anti-Soviet incitement of Matthew Woll, recently published by the Labor Chronicle, Central Trades and Labor Council organ.

"Matthew Woll must be advised in no uncertain words that he is not speaking in the name of the AFL," Weinstein said.

**\$30,000 IN BONDS**

In support of the Central Trades and Labor Council project for sale of \$20,000,000 in bonds, Painters District Council 9 turned over to Charles Sinnigan, chairman, purchases totaling \$30,000. The \$20,000 will be used for the dedication of a Liberty Ship named after Thomas J. Lyons, late president of the State Federation of Labor. The Council also voted to send gifts of cigarettes to the boys in service.

Issuance of Charter 1456 to maintenance painters, workers engaged in the trade on a yearly basis but not sign painters, scenic artists or glaziers, was announced.

## Stoppage at N. J. Wright Plant Ends After Conference

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 10.—An unauthorized stoppage which interrupted production at five Wright Aeronautical Corp. engine division plants here terminated at 3:30 P. M. after conferences between United Auto Workers, CIO, officials and management.

A foundry department complaint against Albert Knowles, an assistant supervisor in Paterson plant No. 2 was the beginning of the walkout which affected about 15,000 on the third and first shifts. The second shift went in on time, however, when it was announced that management has taken Knowles out of the foundry department pending arbitration.

Guy Vaughan, Wright president, announced also that management would name one responsible representative of supervision to handle and settle union grievances. During the stoppage, it developed that dissatisfaction over divided management responsibility, which sometimes nullified grievance settlements after they had been reached, the added fuel to the fire ignited about the Knowles situation.

Stephen Remsen, international representative of the UAW, described the stoppage as unsanctioned and unauthorized. He said the union had tried to order strikers back to work but was unsuccessful.

Albert Capone, president of Local 669, to which Wright workers belonged, said that the complaint against the assistant supervisor was that he had been high-handed and arrogant.

"There are no difficulties between Wright's and its employees," Capone said, "which cannot be settled peacefully and quietly if only the company is willing to subordinate theories and technicalities to the imperative needs of the war effort."

**COMPLAINT'S ORIGIN**

The foundry grievance originated when Knowles refused to upgrade several workers claiming a higher rating. Union committeeman Sampson, along with several others, demanded the supervisor's removal as a result of this refusal. It was learned, although this originated several days ago, the stoppage did not take hold until 2:00 A. M. yesterday when the third shift, led by the foundry, marched off the job. The Assembly department in plant No. 1 refused to participate in the walkout.

The settlement which ended the stoppage was arrived at in a session with union and management participating, arranged by Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen.

## Fur Union Endorses FDR for 4th Term

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10.—Endorsement of President Roosevelt for a fourth term by the international executive board of the International Fur & Leather Workers Union was certain today as board members unanimously and vigorously applauded a recommendation to that effect, made at its semi-annual meeting here.

The recommendation was made by vice-president and Furriers Joint Council manager Irving Potash in a report on the National Convention of the CIO and recent economic and political developments in the country.

Unanimous approval for all the decisions of the CIO Convention was already voted by the Board. The Board at the same time expressed its "bitter resentment against Congress' sabotage of subsidies, a just tax program, soldier vote bill and other urgently needed war legislation."

Pointing out the urgent necessity for bringing the issues of the 1944 national elections before the people immediately, Potash declared:

"It will be necessary to elect a President dedicated to the complete crushing of fascism and unconditional surrender of the enemy, who will fight for the complete victory of the United Nations, a people's peace and post-war reconstruction, and who supports the preservation and extension of the social gains of labor and the people."

The Board heard Dr. Max Yergan, President of the National Negro Congress congratulate the Fur & Leather Workers Union on its exemplary fight against discrimination. The Board pledged to support the National Negro Congress and other progressive organizations in the fight to end discrimination and segregation.

## Set NLRB Poll at Reynolds Tobacco

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., Dec. 10.—The oft-postponed National Labor Relations Board election at the P. J. Reynolds tobacco plant here has now been definitely set for Dec. 16 and 17.

Twice before the NLRB had set election dates for the 12,000 workers who produce Camel cigarettes and other well-known tobacco brands but each time injunctions, obtained by the Reynolds Employees Association, from the courts intervened.

The CIO United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers received 6,427 of 9,854 votes in an election held Aug. 3 and 3 among the same workers. This was not decisive, however, because workers were divided into two units and no group received a majority in the second unit. The voting Dec. 16 and 17 will be as one unit.

The Employees Association, branded by the CIO as a company union, sprang into existence immediately after the NLRB ordered the new one-unit election.

## Frankenstein Blasts Auto Union Disrupters

(Continued from Page 1)

break down the unity of labor and the common people which is required for saving Michigan and the country from domination by the Clare Hoffman's in 1944.

"To the membership of the UAW this party move will be recognized as straight aid and comfort to its enemies. No manner of window dressing or super Socialist talk of this kind from the workers and third parties can serve to conceal the treachery of Michigan."

"I believe this to be the unanimous feeling of the leadership of the UAW-CIO without regard to unfortunate factional lineups which have hitherto existed. For labor through bitter experience has learned that those who would break down the discipline and repudiate established policies through individual irresponsibility are in effect its most dangerous enemies."

"Gratification in reactionary Republican or reactionary Democratic circles at this move to split labor ranks is distinctly premature. Peanut disrupters can never break the determination of workers to see to it that the cause of victory and the cause of democracy are both well served in 1944."

Max Yergan, secretary of the Council on African Affairs, paid high tribute to "my friend and fellow teacher whose only crime was that he recognized fascism and taught people to fight fascism ten years before the rest of the world knew it for what it was."

**PAUL ROBESON'S MESSAGE**

Mr. Yergan brought Paul Robeson's message to the meeting, declaring that the great singer and actor had spoken of Schappes as "a symbol of the forces that are fighting fascism." Mr. Yergan also dwelt on the loyal and consistent activities of Schappes in behalf of the Negro people.

Clifford McAvoy, legislative director of the New York CIO Council, who also identified himself as a former teacher in City College who "had learned about fascism from Morris Schappes and people like him." Mr. McAvoy reiterated the CIO pledge to fight for Schappes' freedom and urged the establishment of "Free Morris Schappes" committees in all organizations.

**Flu Epidemics Hit Britain**

LONDON, Dec. 10 (UP).—One of the worst influenza epidemics since World War I today gripped Britain, affecting all strata of society from the royal family down and cutting into vital war production.

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# WORKER SPORTS

## LOWDOWN

If Morris Schappes Goes to Jail  
Reaction Will Score a Touchdown

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On Monday morning, at 10 A.M., a red headed young man will surrender himself to the authorities of New York State and will be hustled off to Sing Sing prison, there to serve a jail sentence of 18 months to two years for the "crime" of fighting against fascism all his adult life.

This man is an instructor in English. Until two years ago when his "crime" was "discovered" by the blood-hounds representing the reprehensible Rapp-Coudert committee, he taught at City College from which he himself had graduated in 1928.

The name is Morris Schappes and you cannot hear it without springing into action to set him free once again.

It is utterly inconceivable that at this time in the history of our country and the world when we are shedding blood and preparing to shed still more blood in violent struggles against the fascist enemies of all mankind, that a man should go to prison for fighting against these very same fascist enemies of the entire civilized world.

Yet that is what is happening. Morris Schappes will enter prison Monday, and the forces of democracy will be weakened and stabbed.

Schappes' name is already legend to those thousands of progressives and trade unionists who have known the nature of fascism for many years and who, knowing its nature, took up cudgels against it, trying to awaken the whole land against its imminent, terrible danger.

Schappes was one of those simple, courageous men who, during a period of great hysteria, refused to be cowed by a gang of veritable lynchmen who were attempting to impose their reactionary will upon the sturdy democracy of our public educational system.

That they failed to beat him into submission (they knew they could never win him over by other methods, such as bribes) is evident by the fact that they brought him to trial and imprisoned him after hearings which many eminent barristers have assailed as "farfetched and a travesty upon justice."

That was more than two years ago. Since then mighty and deep-going changes have taken place in our nation as well as the world. Today the things Schappes fought for years ago are being fought for by all decent humanity. Today Schappes' enemies of years ago are the enemies of all civilized peoples.

With conditions such as these prevailing, the imprisonment of Morris Schappes is a blow against the war and the people fighting it which simply cannot be tolerated.

### A Summer Evening in the Country

I met Morris Schappes for the first time this past summer while spending a vacation at Camp Unity. For three days before being introduced to him, I closely watched him, observing his mannerisms, his jollity, his fine humor, his simple friendships.

Later, when we got together, I discovered that he was an avid sports fan. "I even wrote sports for the City College Campus, our newspaper. For two years I was the assistant sports editor."

Schappes was also something of an athlete as a youth. He was catcher on the freshman baseball team at "City" in 1925 and played basketball for the City Club and the Stuyvesant House before that, when as a youngster on the East Side, he learned the first truths about democracy and freedom and equality.

Over the dinner table one night at Camp, we animatedly discussed old-time baseball players and Schappes' eyes lit up at the mention of Bob Muesel, Zack Wheat, Tris Speaker, Ty Cobb, George Sisler and all the other immortals of the game who have captured the imaginations of countless millions of American youths.

And one night, after a wonderful dinner, we stood on the lawn and took turns telling jokes to a small crowd of people who paid a nickel apiece to hear each joke. The money was turned over to the USO. And not once did Schappes manifest the slightest fear or lack of confidence in the fight to free him, despite the fact that time was swiftly running out and that he was faced with an imminent return to prison.

### City's Stars Came to His Defense

Morris Schappes is no longer an instructor at City College, having been driven from his job by the witch-hunters of the Rapp-Coudert Committee, but he has remained there in spirit and will some day come back to his school.

Behind him he has left indelible marks on the hundreds of students who studied under him—who came to love and respect him not only as a scholar but as a fighter with deep, abiding convictions. The extent to which Schappes won the love and respect of City College students is best expressed by the actions of the student body during the days when Schappes was on trial.

Demonstrations were widespread, affecting every portion of the vast student body of the school.

But something which is closest to Schappes' heart was the action taken by the City College basketball team of 1941 which, in a courageously worded statement, declared:

"We are proud of our college."

The statement went on to attack those who were attacking the schools. "The Rapp-Coudert slanders have no basis in fact—CCNY students and teachers are Americans."

Breathing defiance of the witch-hunters who were aiming to wreck democracy and reiterating their belief in democracy, that entire magnificent Beaver team proudly affixed their names to the statement which brought joy to all progressive and honest people.

Among the signers were Sid Hertzberg, Bill Holman, Claude Phillips, Julie Gerson, Hal Jendenfriend, Sam Dettchman, Al Winograd, Ace Goldstein and Captain Angelo Monitto.

Now, Morris Schappes is going to jail. This must not be allowed to happen. It simply cannot happen. Sit down right now. Take pen and paper in hand and write to Governor Dewey. This is the least we can do—for if Morris Schappes can go to jail then the whole structure of our government can be undermined by our enemies. Act now and act swiftly. Time does not wait.

## Rangers Still Seek First Win, Play Bruins in Garden Sunday

By Phil Gordon

The Rangers will take to the ice tomorrow night at the Garden still seeking their first victory of the season. (This is written before last night's game up at Boston against the Bruins.)

Sunk deep into the cellar with 13 defeats and a tie, the Rangers represent the saddest spectacle of all New York hockey history and certainly one of the worst in all big league hockey history.

But the team is not quite as bad as its record may imply. The boys have lost any number of tough games where a shot at the right time, or a body check, would have brought victory.

However, they're still fighting and Lester Patrick and Frankie Boucher have not given up hopes of improving the team. New players are being signed regularly and sooner or later Boucher is going to hit a combination that is going to click.

When that happens it will be happy days are here again.

One of the greatest play-makers in the modern history of hockey, Bill Cowley, will be at center ice for the Boston Bruins when they face the Rangers tomorrow night. Cowley is the player who glorified the assist. It is an old axiom that the pen is mightier than the sword. With Cowley, the assist is mightier than the goal. Cowley provides the ammunition, his wings do the firing.

Last season Cowley wound up the campaign with 27 goals and 45 assists (a total of 72 points, one less than the league leader, Doug Bentley of Chicago. Bentley, however, played in 50 games to Bill's 48).

During the 1940-41 season, Cowley added to the many honors registered by the Boston Bruins,

## Basketball Season Gets Under Way Tonight in City

The metropolitan basketball season bursts into a blaze of activity tonight as a prelude to the opening of the Madison Square Garden campaign on Tuesday night. No fewer than five games are to be played on the New York courts, and, in connection with the Garden program, a Buffalo double-header is also of pertinent interest.

Topping the local program is an Eastern League game between Princeton and Columbia at the Lion gymnasium, and the clash between the City College Beavers and the Ellis Island Coast Guard at City College. NYU vs. the N. Y. Marine Barracks; Brooklyn College vs. Webb Institute; and St. Francis vs. Pratt Institute are the other engagements on the list.

The City College skirmish should provide a sharp tuneup for the Beavers' Garden debut. The Ellis Island outfit is captained by "Fuzzy" Levene, last year St. John's captain, and has already recorded a big score victory over Princeton. City College meets the Oklahoma Aggies in one half of the Garden inaugural program that also presents LIU and the Brigham Young Cougars.

Both of these Western invaders will be in action in the Buffalo Auditorium tonight. The Aggies are paired with powerful Westminster there, and the Cougars will tackle Canisius, a team they outscored a year ago. The Aggies are touted as a very formidable team, and the Westminster engagement should be a real test for them. In their season's opening game, the Aggies walloped Phillips University, 37 to 22, with Bob Kurland (the seven foot center) bagging fifteen points.

The Tuesday program in the Garden is the first of two on next week's schedule. On Saturday St. John's and NYU will make their seasonal bow, though not against each other. The Indians are paired with the University of Detroit, a Garden newcomer, and the Violets are to resume an inter-borough rivalry with St. Francis.

### Boykoff High Scorer, But His Team Loses

Harry Boykoff, the towering basketball center who was the leading scorer for St. John's University basketball team for several seasons, proved Thursday night that he could do just as well against the Redmen as he formerly did for them. Appearing at center for the West Point Field Artillery five in a game with the St. John's team at De Gray gymnasium in Brooklyn, the 6 foot 9 inch marfan scored eleven baskets from the field and made one foul shot, leading all others with a twenty-three-point total. However, his team was defeated by St. John's, 69 to 47.

Ivy Summer, St. John's present center, managed to hold Boykoff, who towered over him by four inches, fairly safe in the first half, limiting Harry to three field baskets, but in the second the former star of the Redmen broke loose for eight, Little Hy Gotkin, St. John's captain, was runner-up in point scoring, with 15.

### Hockey Standings

	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Canadiens	11	1	3	25
Chicago	8	6	0	16
Toronto	7	6	2	16
Boston	6	6	3	15
Detroit	5	5	3	13
Rangers	0	13	1	1

SCHEDULE  
Sunday—Boston vs. Rangers at Madison Square Garden, Montreal at Detroit, Toronto at Chicago.

League and Stanley Cup champions, in that campaign. For Cowley not only led the league in scoring, he set a new record for assists, rolling up no less than 45 of these, as he centered a trio that was known as the Three Gun Line, composed of Cowley, Eddie Wiseman and Roy Conacher.

For the past ten years he has been on either the first or second all-star team. Even when Syl Apps, Phil Watson and Milt Schmidt, three outstanding centers, were pressing him, Bill was still rated on top by those who believe that in order to be a great center you must be a brilliant playmaker.

As this was written Cowley was again leading the pack in the matter of assists with 20, and also had 7 goals to give him a total of 27 points to lead the entire League.

## A German Helmet

By Charles Scriber

I have a German helmet. A dark grey, sleek, peep-protruding thing with a leather headpiece. The soldier who once wore it had carefully lettered his name on it. Blocked, squared, in huge white letters: GEISTER.

There is a small round hole through the back and through the leather. The skull too must have had such a hole. A Nazi ceased to exist. Twenty five years earlier, it would have been a German soldier who had perished; a clumsy, hopeless, well-meaning, regimented man.

Twenty five years earlier, I should have felt disgust with this passive moulded monstrosity and flung the helmet away. The Geister of that day would also have felt disgust and deep stomach sickness at the uselessness of war.

But now I take the helmet and

## By a Seaman

look at the hole with thrilling hatred. I lock my teeth. Feeling floods my whole body. I shall take this helmet and give it to a Jewish boy in New York, who will look at it and laugh with me.

Miserable Geister, your grey clad body lies under Sicilian earth. Under olive groves that became battlefields.

Before, you looked at a hill in your glorious Schwarzwald. I and my unknown friend whose bullet killed you, would have loved that hill. In an afternoon's sunshine we would have lain on its slopes and felt the upthrusting grass with our back-tilted heads. We'd have blinked at a sky of open blue. Palms open and pressed down on the spriny green would have closed, and perhaps captured a poem.

His Piece  
Of Land

Geister, you were wretched and a fool. You never knew that, yet it was yours. Your short-sighted owl-frantically clutching notebooks solemnly. "Observe the character of this terrain." You scribbled obediently. "An enemy holding the summit could be routed easily by a submarine gun unit possessing a mortar. By skillful use of the approach and familiarity with the

## Mourn Death of Progressive Theatre Worker

Early this week, Charlotte Severson, one of the best-loved progressives of New York's theatre world, was buried in a cemetery in Auburn, New York, the city in which she was born and had spent her childhood. And in New York, the scores of people with whom she had worked on a variety of theatre projects mourned her death, and counted it a severe loss not only personal but also to the craft which she had served well for nearly a dozen years. She was only 31 years old when she died.

Miss Severson's many friends of the theatre world have already collected funds for the establishment of a Charlotte Severson Memorial Scholarship at the Workers' School. It is expected that the scholarship will be available for the next term at the Workers' School.

Charlotte Severson had joined the Theatre Union almost immediately upon her graduation from the New Jersey College for Women. During the years she worked with that progressive stage group, she became well-known as the only woman stage manager then working on Broadway. The production with which she was most closely associated was "Stevedore," the Paul Peters—George Sklar play which called for the working unity of black and white workers. She had always been proud of her birthplace as the home town of Harriet Tubman, valiant fighter for her people during the days of the Underground Railroad; in all her theatre work of the past decade, Charlotte Severson showed how important she considered the struggles for fullest equality for the Negro people. Her appreciation of it—problem was reflected in her work for the Theatre Arts Committee, and also more recently, when she organized the production group which presented "A Salute to Negro Troops" at Mecca Temple.

For the Council on Pan-American Democracy, Miss Severson produced "A Night of the Americas," the stirring testimonial to Vicente Lombardo Toledano and hemisphere labor unity. Last spring she organized the cultural panel of the National War Time Conference, which proposed to give a much-needed focus to the activities of theatre, radio, and literary folk around the nation's war effort.

While Lem Ward, rising young theatrical director, still lived, Miss Severson was one of his closest co-workers; and she also worked for some time as an assistant to Howard Bay, top-flight scenic designer.

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Meandering rivers became pontoon problems. You studied your terrain so assiduously.

More Than a Mathematical Problem

What went wrong? You were an expert and your tactics were perfection of military genius.

Yet there is that round hole in your helmet, Geister. A youngster from Kentucky who hated shoes and walked happily on his soil, with outspread toes and arching foot, put on a uniform and big brown shoes. A cab driver from the Bronx came to do a job. Two kids from Kansas who had never seen the sea got on a ship and crossed the ocean. They hate the mud and endless wetness of the rains. The dust that cakes with an 88. And because of this the people stinking sweat. They curse and get

drunk and say the hell with it, let's go home. They hate the uselessness of it, Geister, and wonder who made it necessary.

You met them confidently, armed with your notebook. When you looked at each other, you had the advantage. You had assurance. You were contemptuous of the ineffectual, democracy—coddled "baby."

On the other side was first a wondering about whether to be afraid, then a grip on the rifle, a swift recollection of a union meeting where a worker talked and listening was a good. Or the hand felt in the sticky subway after a Sunday at Coney Island. On the other side were open faces of Americans who remembered KU KLUX KLAN, LYNCHING, MEMORIAL DAY MARCHES, SACRE, POLAND, DUNKIRK, STALINGRAD.

You made hate necessary. You were death and the stench of rotting victims. You blasted the cool green grass from that hill with an 88. And because of this the people killed you, Geister.

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## Right on the Button!



## Rayburn's Speech

WHEN House Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas steps down from the rostrum to address Congress on the dangers of obstruction and division, that is in itself sufficient to put the nation on the alert.

When that speech follows one along the same lines by WPB vice-chairman Charles E. Wilson, its significance is doubly emphasized.

Rayburn takes to task in his unprecedented speech especially those who attack the decisions of Moscow and Tehran, who spread fears of Britain or the Soviet Union. "Anything calculated to bring about disunity among us and those allied with us is dangerous talk," he warns.

Remember, this warning comes from a conservative, a Southern Democrat if you will, and one who is in a position to know intimately the ideas of those who make up our Congress; a man, moreover, who finds it necessary to address the House only on the rarest of occasions.

What made him take that rare step now? He has seen the most powerful figures in the Republican Party—Hoover, Landon, Taft, Joseph Martin—shaping their lines for a disastrous struggle to pull us from the victory path marked by Moscow, Cairo and Tehran. He has seen certain elements in his own party—Wheeler, Reynolds—joining hands with the powerful Republican bloc in the effort to destroy the President and his work.

He has seen, too, grasping profiteers and sowers of disruption and intrigue from both parties in action against the domestic war policies necessary for the mobilization of all our economic and moral resources for the great effort that still lies ahead.

Specifically, he places on his list those who want to blow the lid off price control so that they may profit. There can be no doubt that he is aiming at the foes of subsidies. Note what went on at the Farm Bureau convention this week, the leadership of which spearheads the anti-subsidy drive. That leadership publicly demanded the right to grab while the grabbing is good.

Speaker Rayburn repeats Wilson's denunciation of those who "are thinking more of their position after the war than they are of winning the war now." One need only listen to a speech at the National Association of Manufacturers congress to note that there is a source and an inspiration to this drive for reconversion at the expense of the national interest.

The efforts to discredit Moscow and Tehran, the subsidy ban, the drive for reconversion, the attempt to make a mockery of democracy by depriving the armed services of the vote, the efforts to protect swollen war profits from taxation are eloquent testimony that the wreckers have run hog-wild in and out of Congress.

But they are not having things entirely

their own way. Disgust and indignation are beginning to sweep the nation. Congress is hearing from the people. Labor, farmers, the Negro people, consumers have swung into action. The great conference on subsidies held in Washington the other day is evidence of this action.

And as the people move, so do administration spokesmen, who have had a rather sorry record of leadership in Congress to date. This week, however, Stabilization Director Byrnes, Senator Guffey, and Wilson and Rayburn have spoken to Congress and to the nation in unmistakable language of the dangers that face us.

It must be noted that no leading Republican has spoken up against the forces of division. We know that there are those, such as Willkie, who oppose the Hoovers, Landons and Tafts. And Willkie has taken Landon to task on foreign policy. His failure to speak up against the foes of the domestic war policy has, however, not been in the national interest.

The Rayburn and Wilson speeches show that national unity is not a matter of class or section. The nation needs real unity of the patriots of all sections and classes to isolate the wreckers and to advance behind the President to the successful execution of the fateful decisions of Cairo and Tehran.

## Lend-Lease for Tito

OUR own government, like the British, has made an important step forward in promising lend-lease assistance to those forces in Yugoslavia actually fighting Hitler. The British declaration stresses that more help is going to the People's Liberation Army because it's doing more fighting than Mikhailovitch. That is a belated recognition of realities, but nonetheless welcome.

We are convinced that if the principle of helping only those who actually fight the common enemy is strictly followed, our government will realize sooner than later what everybody else knows: that Mikhailovitch isn't fighting the Nazis at all.

But once the principle is acknowledged, it still has to be applied. The British Navy is already in contact with the People's Army. There's no reason why the machinery of lend-lease aid can't be started at once, as the provisional government requested yesterday.

The fact that we still maintain diplomatic relations with the disintegrating clique of discredited politicians in Cairo need not stand in the way. It will be recalled that in November, 1941, a full year before relations with Vichy were broken off, the United States extended lend-lease help to the French National Committee of Gen. de Gaulle. The Yugoslav provisional government's case is even stronger, since the forces of Dr. Ribar and Marshal Tito actually command a wide territory of the homeland, liberated by the most heroic struggle.

Nor should there be any problem in granting the new government its proper place on the Inter-Allied Mediterranean Commission. Our failure to recognize fully the Committee of Liberation in Algiers has not prevented its foreign minister from sitting alongside British, Soviet and American representatives either.

So long as the United States deals with the realities in Yugoslavia in the interests of speeding Hitler's defeat, we can be sure that the Yugoslavs themselves will know how to settle relations with King Peter and what's left of the government in Cairo.

## 200,000 War Workers in Md. May Lose Vote, Foster Warns

By William Z. Foster

One of the most vital tasks now confronting the win-the-war forces, and organized labor in particular, in order to prepare for the 1944 presidential elections is to bring about the political registration of the war workers throughout the country.

Several millions of workers have poured into the war industries, often from outlying communities, and in consequence they have to establish new residential qualifications for voting. A first job is to see that they are properly registered. Many millions of votes are at stake, most of which would be cast for a continuation of the Roosevelt administration. So many votes, in fact, that they might well determine the outcome of the national elections.

In a number of states and cities, particularly on the Pacific Coast, the trade unions are quite alive to the vital importance of this question and are making systematic efforts to register war workers. The national CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods are also displaying much activity in the same direction. Nevertheless, in many, if not most communities, the whole problem is being dangerously neglected. A main contributing factor to this neglect is the dangerous policy of the AFL Executive Council in refusing to undertake joint political action with the CIO.

The situation in the state of Maryland shows the serious consequences of neglecting this great problem of political registration. In that state, especially in the eastern areas, large armies of workers have streamed into the mushroomed shipbuilding, aircraft and steel industries. Under the complicated laws of Maryland, which obviously have been designed to prevent popular use of the franchise, the migrant workers must declare a full year in advance their intention to vote in the elections. In addition, they must register in the regular registration period.

## SOLIDARITY NECESSARY

Obviously, here was a case where the utmost solidarity and activity was necessary upon the part of the whole trade union movement, first of all to get the war workers, great numbers of whom belong to the trade unions, to conform to the provisions of the reactionary Declaration of Intention to Vote Act.

But such solidarity and action of Maryland organized labor was not had, largely because of the pernicious influence of the AFL Executive Council's disruptive policies. The result was that only a very small percentage of the war workers declared their intention to vote in 1944, before the 12 months' deadline passed, with the consequence that it is now estimated some 200,000 war workers in Maryland will not have the right to vote in the presidential elections.

This is a great blow to the win-the-war forces in Maryland, and if it is not counteracted, it may well cost them the state in the elec-

tions. So now the problem is how to lock the stable after the horse is stolen. According to the Maryland Constitution, the only way these great armies of war workers can now secure the franchise for 1944 is to have the governor call a special session of the state legislature and then abolish the antediluvian Declaration of Intention to Vote Act. At best, this is a very difficult thing to accomplish, but there must be a determined effort to this end. Perhaps Maryland organized labor, seeing the mess into which its political disunity and inactivity have plunged it, may finally get together and attack this most serious problem with the necessary determination.

The disfranchisement of the war workers in Maryland is serious enough, but the worst of it is that there are similar dangers in many other states. For, it must be said that, by and large, organized labor has not yet awakened to the importance of the great task of registering and eventually politically mobilizing the vast masses of war workers. This is an inexcusable neglect, in the face of the prospect of a close struggle in the elections, and of the tremendous efforts now being made by the defeatists and reactionaries to carry the country in 1944.

The win-the-war forces cannot possibly afford to lose by default great blocks of war workers' votes. The whole labor movement must give decidedly more attention to educating and organizing the war workers, or run the gravest danger of a disastrous defeat in the coming national elections.

## Letters From Our Readers

## Catholics Against Fascism

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your editorial note in response to the letter of "J. J." (Fascist Among Catholics) in Sunday's Worker contains an unfortunate typographical error. You state "It would be a mistake however, to get into the habit of thinking that all Catholics are committed to religious viewpoints. This is far from true and it is to the interest of Catholic masses to defeat fascism." Of course, it is clear that what the sentence meant was "reactionary viewpoints."

Catholic workers by the millions are bitter anti-fascists on distinctly religious, moral and patriotic principles. We hold that the Spanish hierarchy—with a few glorious exceptions—betrayed these principles and the people who lived by them. The Austrian, Polish, French and Czechoslovak hierarchies did the same by appeasing the Nazis. In many of the South American Republics, the same reactionary trend has been dominant among the leading clergy.

In our own country, the Coughlins, Sheens, Currans and Belfords represent the Franco-fascist trend that dominates the thinking of the few powerful members of the American hierarchy.

Against this reactionary trend American Catholics must be aroused on real religious, moral and patriotic grounds, so that the "Faith of Our Fathers" will not be trampled in the putrid muck of

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anti-Semitism, Negro-baiting and political betrayal.

Catholics! The hallowed memory and patriotic life work of Cardinal Gibbons, Cardinal Mundelein and Father Duffy, call us to action.

J. ARCH

## False Talk by Mgr. Sheen

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your editorial on Mgr. Fulton J. Sheen's disgraceful and provocative anti-Mexican propaganda calls to my mind his address Oct. 4 before the Akron deanery of National Catholic Women. Mgr. Sheen contends "there is something phony" about the Russo-German war. "It is a methodical withdrawal on the part of the Germans. . . . There is no essential difference between Nazism and Communism."

This is the repulsive way this spokesman of the reactionary hierarchy speaks of our ally, who has helped save America.

Mgr. Sheen will not be fired from Catholic University at Wash-

ington, D. C., for his violently anti-Soviet false talk, as Dr. Francis McMahon was fired from Notre Dame last month for appealing for better Russian-American relationships. Yet who is the better American, truer Christian?

DAVID RUSSELL

## 'Now the Truth Is Being Told'

Chicago, Ill.

Editor, Daily Worker:

One of our correspondents—from Hartford, Conn.—wrote that the truth is coming out. She gave several articles as proof of this.

I want to add some proof in the current article in Life Magazine on "Sinking, the Farthest Part of China."

The authors of that article, who are staff members of Time and Life, say that the Soviet Union sent representatives into Sinkiang, to help develop it, to build industrial plants and to safeguard it from Japanese aggression. This, they say, the Soviet Union did in order to save the region for China and not for themselves. This is given as an example of "the good faith of Soviet Russia."

There are many other examples of good faith by Soviet Russia. There are also many other truths now being told which weren't told before. Perhaps your readers could start a department of letters just giving such examples.

J. S.

## A Crusade That Rallied Millions--Daily's Fight for Scottsboro Boys

By Eugene Gordon

The Daily Worker's fight for the Scottsboro boys—a fight which prevented a quick and unnoticed legal lynching—has never been surpassed by any paper's ballyhooed crusade for the "under dog."

The chief reason has been, of course, that the Daily Worker recognizes no "under dog"; that it recognizes, instead, the poor and the oppressed—the poor, who are, generally, the oppressed. Especially if these poor are Negroes.

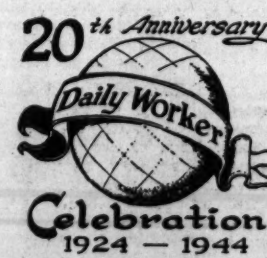
A "Special to the New York Times" from Huntsville, Ala., on the 26th of March, 1931, was the first publication of the Scottsboro story in New York. It was just a "regular" story of the "rape" of "white women" by "Negro men." It told of the Alabama Governor's sending a detachment of militia to the Jackson County jail to protect "the nine Negroes." (The boys had been transferred from Scottsboro for "safe keeping.")

That was all the Times story said. But a seven-column headline across the top of page one of the Daily Worker, on April 10 proclaimed: 8 NEGRO WORKERS SENTENCED TO DIE BY LYNCH COURT.

Smaller heads, followed by an editorial, called upon "Workers, Negro, White," to "Stop the Legal Lynching of Nine Negro Boys in Alabama!"

## CALL TO ACTION

Thus the first call to action. It was issued through this paper by



the Communist Party and the International Labor Defense just as the boys were about to be railroaded to the electric chair.

The Daily Worker's from that moment, was the loudest and most persistent of all voices crying out in the boys' behalf.

"They Shall Not Die!"—emblazoned on a people's consciousness by its constant repetition in this paper—became a battle call. John Wexley wrote a play about the Scottsboro case and named it "They Shall Not Die." The Theatre Guild produced it; Claude Rains created the lawyer's role.

The Daily Worker's editorials on Scottsboro analyzed and evaluated all facts, presenting their political implications. Its news columns published a photostatic copy of the letter written by Ruby Bates, one of the two "white women" in the case, to her sweetheart. That letter—not news to the great commercial

press—swore, "so God help me," that "these Negroes did not touch me." The Daily was the only paper, also, to publish a photostatic of a letter from defendant Haywood Patterson to Ben Davis, Jr. Davis had entered the defense on April 8, 1931, among other International Labor Defense attorneys. (He was later to become a member of this paper's editorial board, and, later still, a Councilman of the City of New York.)

## FREE FOUR

The Daily Worker carried news from all the world—about Maxim Gorky's leading in the framing of a cable of protest from Moscow; about German transport workers' meetings of workers in 300 cities of the United States and in countless cities of Europe—on the Scottsboro case. This was news which the great commercial press must have considered unfit to print, since none of it was printed. The Daily Worker sent John L. Spivack to scour through Alabama and to write a series of revealing articles on conditions which create Scottsboros.

This paper's fight for the Scottsboro boys helped, in 1937, to free four of them. Since their arrest 13 years ago millions of men, women, youths and children have been enslaved by fascism. The Daily Worker continues its fight to free the five remaining Scottsboro boys. Its fight has broadened now, however, to include these millions of fascist victims.

## Facts on War Economy

## People's Savings In Wartime

By Labor Research Association

## Facts on War Economy

Although a Christmas "buying wave" is now in progress, stimulated by the advertising agencies and get-rich-while-the-war's-on commercial interests, the American people on the whole have been saving a good chunk of their income. And they have been putting a patriotic bit of it into war bonds. And they—especially the higher income groups and corporations—could stand billions more in taxation if Congress performed its duty to the war and to the nation.

The substantial savings of the American people have gone far toward closing the so-called "inflationary gap." In the official estimates of the U. S. Department of Commerce, "savings" include the reduction of private debts, home building and payments for insurance, as well as savings in currency, in bank deposits and in government savings bonds.

## Causes of Savings

These savings have been induced in part by the growing scarcity of consumer goods especially of the durable type such as automobiles, refrigerators and radios.

There is also some evidence that the volume of spending has been held in check by consumer resistance to higher prices and quality deterioration in much of the goods now produced.

Also, people have saved more because of the acute uncertainties concerning their future security and the fear of rising unemployment just as soon as war contracts begin to be terminated.

The purchase of war bonds and stamps has been the most laudable feature of these increased savings, combined with the funds held in anticipation of higher taxes which, if Congress has its present way, will never be levied.

To indicate the big jump in savings between 1940 and 1943 the following table is helpful:

	1940	1943
Total income payments to individuals (billions of dollars)	76.5	142.0
Less personal income taxes	3.3	16.0
Disposable income of individuals	73.2	126.0
Expenditures for goods and services	65.7	90.0
Total savings	7.5	36.0
Less insurance, debt, liquidation, securities**	2.9	12.0
Liquid savings	4.6	24.0

\* Including unincorporated business. The complete figures for 1941 and 1942 are given in LRA's Economic Notes for December.

\*\* These are securities other than war savings bonds and are not considered so likely to be converted into cash. Note that in 1940 there were no net savings through liquidation of debt as there has been in 1943.

Liquid savings in the form of currency and bank deposits, U. S. savings bonds and savings and loan association payments totaled less than \$5,000,000,000 in 1940. But the amount has grown to around \$24,000,000,000 in the current year. (The estimates for 1943 are based on latest available data for the third quarter.)

## Small Business and Rich Included

These figures, it should be noted, cover the savings both of individuals and of small non-incorporated businesses. From the point of view of post-war spending, the savings of these small businessmen are considered as likely to be less liquid than those of individuals.

Also, remember that the figures represent the savings of everyone, the rich as well as the poor. The upper income groups have undoubtedly accumulated the greater part of these savings. Experts of the U. S. Department of Labor have estimated that possibly 80 per cent of the accumulated savings are in the hands of the upper one-third of consumers. For 1942 OPA economists found that over 81 per cent of total consumer savings were by those with annual incomes of over \$3,000.

Workers in war industries who have had higher earnings, as the result of longer hours as well as higher wage rates, and who have been able to pay off large debts hanging over from past depression periods, have been able to take more war bonds and accumulate savings in other ways.

If the fear of depression following the war is strong enough among the workers who have accumulated war savings these funds will thus provide little business stimulus. They will be regarded as "cold" savings held for emergencies and not likely to be spent as fast as some business propagandists are now predicting when they look forward to big profits in post-war markets.

## 5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

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MORE THAN half of the American people would support the Soviet Union in a war of defense against Nazi invasion, the "Gallup Poll" announced yesterday. Only about 12 per cent would favor Germany. Of those who said that they would take sides, 83 per cent declared that they would back the USSR.

CHICAGO—George Cardinal Mundelein, Archbishop of the Chicago Diocese, tonight declared in a formal statement over a National Broadcasting Company hook-up that Father Coughlin, "was not authorized to speak for the Catholic Church."

The Prelate added that Father Coughlin's views, which have been expressed over radio broadcasts, also did "not represent the doctrines or sentiments of the church."

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